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Smallpox at Middlesborough, Ky.—(Continued).

MIDDLESBOROUGH, KY., April 7, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report on the smallpox situation in this city:

In the smallpox hospital there remain 19 cases; in the detention camp, 14. Since the last report (March 28, ultimo) 5 new cases of smallpox have developed, 2 of which were in the detention camp. The last case occurred yesterday.

It was thought best to continue the quarantine of the city until another thorough house-to-house inspection could be made, and until the work of disinfection of all known infected houses could be completed. The 300 tubes of virus, telegraphed for upon my arrival April 4, came yesterday and another inspection of the city was begun. This will be finished this week, as will also the work of disinfection.

In my opinion, quarantine may be safely raised on Monday, April 11, and I have communicated with the State board of health, through its representative here, to that effect. By that time the detention camp can be abandoned, the quarantine guards dismissed, and our force reduced to those necessary for the care of the three or four patients remaining in the smallpox hospital. Unless other cases develop these few can be transferred to the county pesthouse, if orders to that effect are received from the Bureau, and the Service affairs here can be brought to a close on the 12th or 13th instant.

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Very respectfully,

HILL HASTINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Telegram.]

MIDDLESBOROUGH, KY., April 12, 1898.

Work is finished. The 3 remaining convalescents in pesthouse can be turned over to health officer and Service affairs terminated to-morrow, if so ordered.

HASTINGS, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Little Rock, Ark.—(Continued).

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 7, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows for the week ended April 7, concerning the smallpox in Little Rock: Since my first report, dated March 31, 1898, 4 more cases have been discovered, making a total of 6 cases to date. All of the cases are among negroes, and with the exception of 1 case in Argenta (North Little Rock), have developed in the southwestern part of the city, where the negro population mostly reside. All cases have been removed to smallpox hospital and places of origin disinfected and guarded.

Very respectfully,

L. P. GIBSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 8, 1898.

SIR: I beg to inform you of the existence of 6 cases of smallpox in Fairfield County, near the village of Carroll. The first case occurred in